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## **Policies and Procedures Minutes 11/14/2012**

Policies and Procedures Subcommittee, Arlington School Committee

School Committee Room – November 14, 2012 –5:00 p.m.

APPROVED Minutes

In Attendance:

Subcommittee Members: Judson L. Pierce-Chair

Jeffrey Thielman(arrived at 5:25 p.m.)

Cindy Starks

School Committee Member: Bill Hayner

Administration: Dr. Laura Chesson, Assistant Superintendent(arrived at 5:10 p.m.)

Lucille Nicholson, Head Nurse

Public: Marc Rosenthal, Dr. Bob Hewes

Ms. Starks moved to approve the draft minutes from the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee Meeting of October 23, 2012. Mr. Pierce seconded. Motion was approved 2-0.

Ms. Starks moved to forward JC and JC-E concerning redistricting to the full School Committee for Second Read. Seconded by Mr. Pierce. Motion was approved 2-0.

The Subcommittee discussed wellness/nutrition policy. It was noted that Chelmsford has no food celebrations and that our own Dallin Elementary School is a leader in fruits and vegetables because of concerns over food allergies. In our revised policy we will need to reference the new guidelines promulgated by the Commonwealth earlier this year. We will need to talk about PTO bake sales and Cluster bake sales at the Middle School. Fundraising with food is helpful to our PTOs but it is also helpful to sell non-food items to generate revenue. This issue will come up for discussion on Monday evening November 19, 2012 when all PTO presidents will convene for a meeting. Ms. Starks noted that the swim team raises much of its money with selling food items however the new guidelines state that food cannot be competing with school lunch. Our vending machines already have food that meet the dietary guidelines. We will draft a policy and the district will be responsible for promulgating the guidelines. We need to set good examples for our children and a nutrition/wellness policy should have that at its center.

Mr. Hayner presented some information to the Subcommittee on the program "Darkness to Light" concerning protecting our children from sexual abuse. Mr. Hayner suggested coming up with a policy that would prevent students from ever being alone with an adult, that all rooms should have at least a window to look inside or a door open. Nurse Nicholson said that sometimes Nurses need privacy with a student/patient, or that privacy would be necessary in a counseling room. Ms. Nicholson said APS is already doing this, we have advisory committees about what to look for, who to go to, kids are taught the Great Body Shop curriculum, we used to have a CAP program which was well received by the students in Grades 1-3 and their parents. Mr. Hayner opined that a philosophy must exist for an environment that will not allow this to happen, a pro-active approach. Ms. Starks suggested a reminder to the staff at the beginning of the year.

Mr. Thielman moved to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Starks. 3-0.

